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Following [redacted] sent by the Berlin regional railroad headquarters [redacted] 25X1A

Checks on the suitability of gondola cars for transit purposes will be discontinued immediately. (1) Instead, all four-axle flatcars with iron side racks in addition to GCK, GS, and SGL-type cars will be checked on their suitability for transit use as speedily as possible in Pankow, Lichtenberg, Rummelsburg and Schoeneweide and dispatched to Frankfurt/Oder. (2) Railroad Subdistrict Offices Nos 1 through 7 are responsible for the collection of all four-axle flatcars which will be forwarded to the following check points:

Flatcars from the area of Railroad Subdistrict Office No 1 to Lichtenberg or Rummelsburg.

Flatcars from the area of Railroad Subdistrict Office No 2 to Schoeneweide.

Flatcars from the area of Railroad Subdistrict Offices No 3 through 5 to Rummelsburg.

Flatcars from the area of Railroad Subdistrict Office No 6 to Pankow.

Flatcars from the area of Railroad Subdistrict Office No 7 to Frankfurt/Oder.

Until two trains of cars of the types mentioned have been assembled, any use of these cars within the zone is prohibited. (3) Reports on the number of heavy-duty flatcars available will have to be turned in to the Berlin regional railroad headquarters every six hours. (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) For last report on the operation of dispatching gondola cars suitable for transit operations to the east, [redacted] The operation seems to have been temporarily stopped. 25X1A
- (2) These types of cars have a load capacity of upward of 30 tons and are suitable for heavy loads such as tanks. The ordered checks indicate use outside the zone, probably for Soviet transit traffic through Poland. Whether these shipments will be military or commercial is not clear.

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- (3) It remains to be seen whether only two trains of heavy-duty flatcars will be formed. Two trains have a total of 100 to 120 cars.
- (4) The same measure was reported previously [redacted] [redacted]

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